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Sir:

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- References AG and AH are discussed on page 10 of the application specification.
- References AA – AD & AI – AN are cited on the attached International Search Report dated June 7, 2005 in corresponding PCT Patent Application No. PCT/JP2005/004509.
- Reference AK corresponds to Reference AA.
- Reference AL corresponds to Reference AB.
- Reference AM corresponds to Reference AC.
- Reference AN corresponds to Reference AD.

LIST OF ADDITIONAL SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
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